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Detective's Seek the Public's Assistance

Case: 08-0880226

Date: Friday, March 28, 2008

Time: 2:13 a.m.

Location: 2600 block of N. IH 35 southbound (lower deck)

Deceased: James Dante Kings, Black male, (D. O. B. 05-02-1990)

Narrative:

On Friday, March 28, 2008, at 2:13 a.m., Central West patrol officers responded to a person down call at the 2600 block of N. IH 35 southbound (lower deck).

James Dante Kings, a high school student, was visiting Austin from the Dallas area with a school musical group. Kings ran towards the highway from the Roadway Inn located at 2900 IH 35. Kings is believed to have been knocked down by a vehicle traveling southbound on IH 35. Evidence suggests that the vehicle may not have sustained any significant damage.

This is a felony Fail to Stop and Render Aid case. The police department is asking witnesses to the incident or anyone with information about the driver and/or suspect vehicle to contact APD Vehicular Homicide at 974-8164 or Crime Stoppers at 472-TIPS.

In addition to any Crime Stoppers reward, the Kings family is offering a reward of \$4,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect in this case.



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This case remains under investigation by APD Vehicular Homicide Detectives.
This is Austin's 14th traffic fatality of 2008.

Media Advisory: Sgt. Kris Thompson will be available at 3 p.m. today for interviews at APD Headquarters. Please call APD-PIO to let us know if you will attend.

